

The Recovery Month Web Event Season Continues With:

***"Improving the Bottom Line: Supporting Treatment
Profits Employers and Employees"***
Premieres Wednesday, August 1, 2007

In 2002, drug use disorders alone contributed to a loss of productivity in the workplace amounting to \$128.6 billion in the United States. Because an addicted individual is often quite adept at hiding his or her addiction, employers and even coworkers may not be able to recognize what is causing the individual's decreased productivity at the office. Addiction issues do not just cause problems for the individual's work environment, but his or her family members may be having problems at their workplaces as well.

Join Ivette Torres, Associate Director for Consumer Affairs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and a panel of experts to examine the issues related to addiction in the workforce such as: how to identify where a problem exists, when to intervene and how, and what can be done. This program will also demonstrate how employee assistance programs are beneficial to the addicted individual, their family members, and the company.

Panelists include:

- Phillip Wang, Director of the Division of Services and Interventions Research, National Institute of Mental Health
- Rebecca Adkins, Occupational Health Manager, Rio Tinto Minerals Americas
- Frank Benson, Business Agent, Millwrights Local 1102
- Bohdan Baczara, Policy Advisor, Department of Transportation, Office of Drug & Alcohol Policy & Compliance

The Webcast will be archived for viewing at <http://www.recoverymonth.gov/2007-multimedia> section.

